

## REMARKS

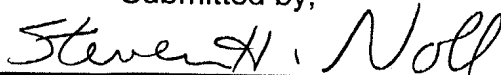
In the Office Action dated February 20, 2002, claims 8, 9 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not described in the original specification. Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled, but Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with respect to claim 14. Claims 1-5, 8, 10 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Clark et al., Yamada et al., or Tojo et al. Claims 11 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clark et al., Yamada et al. or Tojo et al.

Claim 12 was stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The rejections of claims 1-5, 8, 10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) claims 11 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, are respectfully traversed, and the rejected claims are the subject of the Notice of Appeal filed simultaneously herewith. Since the present Amendment reduces the issues for appeal by canceling claims 8 and 9, it is properly enterable after the final rejection, and entry of the present Amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

Consideration of the references identified in the Information Disclosure Statement, filed simultaneously herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(1), also is respectfully requested.

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